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CONFERENCE ON RELIGION AND PEACE (ACRP) RESCUE PLANS

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1. AMERICAN JOURNALIST INFORMED EMBASSY DEC 6 THAT HIS SINGAPORE STRINGER REPORTS THE SINGAPORE RED CROSS IS MAKING \$140,000 CONTRIBUTION TOWARD ACQUISITION OF BOAT(S) TO BE USED IN PICK-UP VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AT SEA AND DEPOSITION THEM IN GUAM. NOT RPT NOT CLEAR WHY GUAM CHOSEN FOR DISCHARGE, BUT REASON MAY BE IT IS AMERICAN TERRITORY CLOSEST TO POINT OF PROPOSED PICKUP OF REFUGEES. EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT CONTRIBUTION WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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MADE TO THE SUBJ ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT THEIR OWN PROJECT, ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT 100 PCT CERTAIN.

2. JOURNALISTS HAVE ALSO TOLD US THAT A VESSEL REPORTEDLY CAPABLE OF ACCOMMODATING 200 REFUGEES LEFT SINGAPORE 3-4 DAYS AGO TO MAKE WAY UP MALAYSIAN COAST (APPARENTLY REMAINING IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS) AND INTO WATER OFF COAST

OF THAILAND AS FAR AS SONGKHLA, TO PICK UP BOAT REFUGEES. VESSEL, BEING OPERATED BY SUBJ ORGANIZATIONS, IS GOING TO SPEND THREE WEEKS IN THE ENDEAVOR, AFTER WHICH IT IS GOING TO TAKE PASSENGERS TO DARWIN, WHERE IT CLAIMS AUSTRALIANS HAVE GIVE ASSURANCE THAT REFUGEES CAN DISEMBARK. INFORMATION IN LAST SENTENCE PROVIDED BY MEMBER OF ACRP IN SINGAPORE IN TELCON JAN 5 WITH BANGKOK-BASED JOURNALIST.

3. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AMONG JOURNALISTS IN THIS PROJECT WHICH COULD, OF COURSE, ATTRACT EVEN MORE BOATS, AS WELL AS CURIOSITY ABOUT THE PERSONS BEHIND IT. WHITEHOUSE

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